

Lesson 50

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 41–49.

Studying God's Word

All right! Let's see how well you remember the last nine lessons! Be sure to pay close attention. We're going to play a game afterwards, so you'll want to know the answers.

Lesson 41

Refer to the Genesis Timeline as you review.

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Show Lesson 41 Theme Poster. In this lesson, God answered Isaac's prayer to give him and Rebekah children. They had twin boys. What were their names? Esau and Jacob. Which twin was born first? Esau.

As the firstborn, Esau had the birthright, which meant he would get a double share of his father's wealth and he would be responsible to lead the family and make decisions. But Esau didn't really care much about it.

After one long day of hunting, Esau came home and smelled something delicious cooking. What was it? Lentil stew. Jacob was cooking some lentil stew. But instead of just giving some stew to his brother, Jacob asked for what? Esau's birthright.

Yes. Jacob asked Esau to sell his birthright for the food. Esau should've said no because his birthright was worth much more than a bowl of stew, no matter how good it looked and smelled. But Esau just wanted to eat, so he sold his birthright to Jacob.

So, we see that these two brothers didn't think the same things were important. Esau cared about hunting and eating while Jacob cared about God's prophecy that he would be the leader someday. They both sinned—Esau didn't care about his birthright, and Jacob tried to make God's promises happen on his own. But God carried out his plan anyway. By giving Jacob the birthright, Esau would one day have to serve him as the leader of their family. The older son would serve the younger just like God had said.

Lesson 42

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Show Lesson 42 Theme Poster. Here we saw how God was still in control even though Jacob and Rebekah sinned by deceiving and lying. They were wrong to lie to Isaac and trick him because of his blindness.

Isaac sent Esau to go hunting; he promised he would bless Esau after he got back and cooked the meat for him. Rebekah wanted God's prophecy to come true—that Jacob would rule over Esau. So instead of waiting for God's timing, she schemed with Jacob to steal the blessing while Esau was gone.

How did they trick Isaac into thinking Jacob was Esau? They put goat skins on Jacob's arms and neck to be like Esau's hair. They put Esau's clothes on Jacob. They prepared a meal that Isaac liked.

Jacob lied to his father and said he was Esau, and Isaac gave him the blessing. But his deceit had consequences. When Esau returned from hunting and learned what Jacob had done, he was angry and wanted to kill him. Jacob had to leave home and flee to his uncle Laban's home, and he would have to worry about Esau trying to get even.

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Show Lesson 43 Theme Poster. Laban was Rebekah's brother and Jacob's uncle. Jacob was welcomed into Laban's family and started taking care of Laban's animals. Jacob worked for seven years to marry Rachel because he loved her.

But at the wedding, when Jacob expected to marry Rachel, what happened to him? What did Laban do? Laban tricked him into marrying Rachel's older sister Leah.

Uh oh! Laban deceived Jacob, but he offered to let Jacob marry Rachel, too, if he'd work for another seven years. Jacob did marry Rachel a week after he married Leah, but he had to work 14 years total for his two wives. It was wrong for Laban to trick Jacob. God's design for marriage is one man with one woman together for life. Having two wives caused a lot of trouble in Jacob's family.

Jacob had many sons. How many sons did he have in all? Twelve.

Yes! God blessed Jacob with a big family. God was fulfilling his promise to grow the descendants of Abraham into a great nation.

Lesson 44

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Show the Lesson 44 Theme Poster. Jacob had a lot to worry about in this lesson. He had lived with his uncle Laban for 20 years, and now it was time to move back to Canaan. Then Jacob would have to face his brother Esau, who had threatened to kill him! God told Jacob when to leave Laban, and Jacob set out for Canaan with his wives, children, and flocks.

Who remembers what Esau did when he heard Jacob was coming? Set out with 400 men to meet Jacob.

When Jacob heard that Esau was headed his way with 400 trained men, he was afraid that Esau still wanted to kill him. He divided his people and possessions into two groups so that one group might escape if the other were attacked. Then Jacob sent gifts to Esau, hoping they would please him.

At night when Jacob was alone, who came and wrestled with him? God. Jesus.

This was an amazing appearance of God! Jacob wrestled with God, and God blessed him and gave him a new name.

What was Jacob's new name? Israel.

Right. Jacob faced his brother the next day as a changed person. He showed Esau that he was truly sorry for stealing the blessing from him, and Esau forgave him. The Bible says that they hugged and cried. They had been apart for 20 years!

Who remembers the word we learned that means to make two people friends again after an argument? Reconcile.

God worked out the meeting between Jacob and Esau so that the brothers were reconciled. Esau returned to his home in peace, and Jacob traveled into the land of Canaan.

Lesson 45

Lesson 45 continued the account of Jacob's family in Canaan. Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin, and Jacob favored her two sons, Joseph and Benjamin, more than his other sons.

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Show the Lesson 45 Theme Poster. What did Jacob give Joseph that made his brothers jealous? A coat of many colors.

Then Joseph shared his dreams with his brothers, which made them even more upset. What did Joseph's dreams of bowing sheaves of grain and bowing sun, moon, and stars seem to mean? Joseph would one day rule over his family. His family would bow down to him.

Joseph's brothers hated Joseph for being the favorite and sharing his annoying dreams, so they decided to get rid of him. They had a bunch of ideas, but what did they end up doing to Joseph? Selling him as a slave for 20 shekels.

That's right. They tore off his special coat, threw him into a pit, and then pulled him out to sell him as a slave. Then the brothers tricked their father by dipping Joseph's coat in goat's blood and telling him Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

These were all terrible things for them to do. We can clearly see that man is sinful, but we can also see that God is sovereign. What does sovereign mean? God is in control of everything; he does all that he pleases.

Yes, God is sovereign. And he is still in control, carrying out his perfect plan, even when people sin.

Lesson 46

In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to an important man in Pharaoh's court named Potiphar. Joseph had to learn many new things in Egypt, including different jobs, but God was with him and blessed him. Joseph learned quickly, and Potiphar trusted Joseph and made him the overseer of everything he owned—his entire household!

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Show the Lesson 46 Theme Poster and point to Potiphar's wife. But who is this person lurking outside the room? Potiphar's wife.

This evil woman decided she liked Joseph because he was handsome. She kept scheming to get Joseph to be alone with her, but he kept telling her "no." One day she grabbed on to Joseph's clothing, but he ran away.

What did she do to get back at Joseph for rejecting her? She lied about Joseph and said he attacked her.

What did Potiphar do to Joseph as punishment? Put him in prison.

This must have been a really sad time for Joseph. He hadn't done anything wrong, but he was in prison! Still, God was with Joseph, even in prison. The jailer put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners. When Pharaoh's chief cupbearer and chief baker were thrown into prison, they each had a dream. Joseph told them what their dreams meant, and everything happened just as he'd said.

What happened to the cupbearer? In three days, Pharaoh forgave him and gave him back his job.

The cupbearer went back to serving drinks to Pharaoh, but he forgot about Joseph.

What happened to the baker? In three days, Pharaoh killed him.

The baker's dream definitely wasn't good. Pharaoh didn't forgive him or give him his job back. Instead, he had him killed.

Who was with Joseph through all of this? God.

Right. God was in control of everything that happened to Joseph, but he had to trust God in some difficult places, like prison.

Lesson 47

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Show the Lesson 47 Theme Poster. After Joseph waited two years in prison, God changed Joseph's life in a single day! God gave Pharaoh dreams that upset him. Then God used the cupbearer at just the right time and place to bring Joseph before Pharaoh. God gave Joseph the ability to understand the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams.

Who can tell us the first dream Pharaoh had? It was about animals. Seven healthy, fat cows came up from the river and then were eaten by seven

skinny cows.

And what was the second dream Pharaoh had? It was about grain. Seven healthy heads of grain were eaten by seven thin heads of grain.

And what was the meaning of both of these dreams? Seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine.

What's a famine? A time when there isn't enough food and people go hungry.

God gave Joseph the ability to understand the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams and even gave him a plan to get ready for the famine. Pharaoh listened to Joseph and put him in charge. Joseph went from a prison to a palace! He was given the authority to make important decisions. He was given expensive gifts, new clothing, and a wife. God blessed Joseph while he was in Egypt. He gave Joseph two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

But Joseph also had a big job to do, and God had prepared him for it. Joseph knew how to collect food from all over Egypt and to store it so it could be used during the famine. God used Joseph to save many people.

God's timing was perfect. He placed Joseph in the prison so he would be there to interpret Pharaoh's dream and to help prepare for the famine at just the right time.

Lesson 48

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Show the Lesson 48 Theme Poster. In this lesson, Joseph's dreams came true. The years of famine had begun, and people in Egypt and in Canaan didn't have enough food. Jacob sent his older sons to Egypt to buy grain. The brothers came to Egypt and bowed down before the powerful ruler in charge of selling grain.

Who was that? Joseph!

But the brothers didn't recognize him. Joseph decided to test them to see if they had changed from the jealous, angry men they used to be. He spoke harshly to them in Egyptian and accused them of being spies. He kept Simeon in prison and told the brothers to return with Benjamin to prove they weren't lying.

On their second trip to Egypt, the brothers were brought to Joseph's house and given a meal. When they left, Joseph had his servant secretly put his silver cup into Benjamin's sack of grain.

Why did Joseph do this? He wanted to see if his brothers would stand up for Benjamin and protect him, which they hadn't done for him.

Which brother stood up for Benjamin? Judah.

Judah stepped up and took responsibility for Benjamin, even offering to take his place as a slave. When Joseph saw this, he told his brothers who

he was. At first, they were afraid that Joseph would want revenge for what they'd done to him.

But Joseph forgave them because he understood that God was in control of everything that had happened to him and had turned the evil they did to him into good.

What good thing came from Joseph being sent to Egypt? He became a powerful ruler and saved many people, including his family, from the famine.

Joseph got to see his father, Jacob, and the rest of his family when they came down to Egypt. They settled in the land of Goshen where they would be safe through the rest of the famine.

Lesson 49

God promised Jacob (Israel) that he would go with him to Egypt and bring his family back to the land of Canaan.

Israel lived for 17 years in Egypt in the land of Goshen. Before he died, he wanted to bless his sons. First he blessed Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Then he called his 12 sons to come. God gave Israel special knowledge about his sons' tribes and what they would be and do, and he gave each of them a blessing.

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Show the Lesson 49 Theme Poster. Two of his sons received special blessings—Judah and Joseph.

What were some of the prophecies about the future of Judah's tribe? What about the lion? Judah's tribe would be strong and powerful like a lion. What does the cross stand for? Who was the Savior that would come from Judah's family line? Jesus. What did the scepter mean? Kings would come from Judah's descendants.

That's right! Many kings, like King David and Jesus Christ, would come from Judah's tribe.

What do the bow and arrow mean for Joseph? Who was it that shot arrows or attacked Joseph by doing mean things to him? His brothers.

But God protected him and blessed him in Egypt.

What does the fruitful branch mean for Joseph and his descendants? His sons would be fruitful and multiply.

Joseph would have many descendants, too. Each of his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, became the head of a tribe because Israel counted them as his own sons instead of grandsons.

Israel died, and later his sons passed away. But God blessed their children, and their families grew in Egypt. Many years later, a new pharaoh came to

power, but he didn't know about Joseph. All he knew was that there were more Israelites than Egyptians. He was afraid they would fight against his people, so he turned them all into slaves. But God hadn't forgotten his promises to Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob and his sons. He had a special plan for the growing nation of Israel, and he was watching over them.

Lesson Review

Gather the Lesson Theme Posters from Lessons 41–49.

Review Board Game

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Gather the following items:

- Game Board provided in the Teacher Kit

- Dice

- Buttons or other small objects for each team to use as markers on the game board

Go to Prayer

Dear God, thank you for my students and all they have learned so far. Please guide them as they make decisions every day. May they look to you and your Word for wisdom. I pray that they will trust in you as their personal Savior. Grant them courage to stand for you in a fallen world.

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